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TODAY'S WEATHER: Moderate easterly winds; cloudy; showers.
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Plymouth, Apr. 21.—Mrs Whitford Wilkie brought Mrs M. P. Tope into court yesterday and for 80 minutes Judge Scobell Armstrong listened to both talking at once about the troubles a landlady has with a tenant and vice versa.

Finally the judge shouted, "Will you be quiet!" and delivered the verdict:

"For one month, you both will pretend to be deaf and dumb. When you see each other not one word must be spoken. Write everything. No conversation at all."

The landlady, Mrs Wilkie, and the tenant, Mrs Tope, left quietly.—United Press.

ASSAULT ON
WEIHSIEN

ABANDONED

Nanking, Apr. 22.—It was officially announced last night that the Communists have abandoned their two-week-old unsuccessful attempt to take Weihsien, Shantung railway station, and withdrew in force totalling 220,000.

As the Government victory in Shantung is hailed as putting an end to the Communist attempt to smash into North Kiangsu, after which cross the Yangtze in May, General Ku Chiu-tung, Commander-in-Chief of the Chinese Army, has set funds aside totalling C\$300 million as rewards to the three regiments of regular troops and ten regiments of militia forces responsible for repulsing the Communists from Weihsien.

Official despatches claim that in the Weihsien Battle, the Communists suffered 20,000 casualties.

Government relief columns are now reported to be within 30 miles of Chungking and Weihsien, and are expected to effect a junction within the next few days when the whole Communist Shantung offensive may be considered conclusively closed.—Reuter-AAP.

EDITORIAL

Housing—An Economic Issue

ALTHOUGH it is generally felt that Government all along has side-stepped its major responsibility in connection with the housing problem, there will be grudging approval and sympathy for its latest efforts to afford prospective tenants of accommodation made available under private housing schemes some measure of protection. Government's offer to the sponsors of approved building schemes is a quid pro quo—for leasing valuable sites well below ruling market prices, the lessees promise to limit profits to a maximum of five percent for 20 years. In nine cases agreement has been expressed to these special conditions and Government says it expects some 2,000 new residences will result from these schemes including detached and semi-detached houses and flats. That figure is calculated to entice a feeling of optimism among the scores who are now confined to hotel rooms or overcrowded flats, but the more important information still to be revealed is the rents which are going to be required for these residences. If tenancy requires a lump payment down and a rental of up to \$500 a month the residences are going to be placed far beyond the capacity of the people who are among the principal sufferers of the accommodation shortage. Even the reasonably well paid European subordinate cannot afford more than \$500 a month for rent, and then he must deny himself and his family in other directions to make both ends meet. For the white collar Chinese worker and those in even less fortunate circumstances there appears to be no building scheme

Wins 303 Seats In Assembly

History Is Made

Rome, Apr. 21.—The Italian Premier, Signor Alcide de Gasperi's, Christian Democrats emerged from Italy's first elections, since Mussolini seized power, with a clear majority in both the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies, figures issued by the Ministry of the Interior showed tonight.

In the Chamber, the Christian Democrats have 303 seats against the Popular Front's 178. Figures for the other parties were: Socialist Unity—29 seats; National Bloc—15; Monarchists—12; Republicans—six; Italian Social Movement (Fascist)—four; minor groups—five.

Twenty-two other seats in the Chamber will be divided among the parties under a national pooling system. These figures bring the total number of seats in the Chamber to 574.

In the Senate, the Christian Democrats hold 130 seats against the 74 held by the Popular Front. The other Senate seats were: Socialist Unity—12; National Bloc—nine; Monarchists—four; Republicans—three; Italian Social Movement—three; minor groups—three.

To these the following seats of Senators nominated to the Senate by right must be added: Popular Front—45; National Bloc—19; Christian Democrats—18; Socialist Unity—12; Republicans—six; Monarchists—four; Independent—four.

The nominated Senators have been chosen because of their services to the resistance movement and as opponents of Fascism.

TOTAL VOTING

For the Deputies, the Christian Democrats received 12,751,841 votes, the Popular Front 8,025,000.

The votes for the other main parties in the Chamber were: Socialist Unity—1,800,528; National Bloc—1,001,156; Monarchists—720,587; Republicans—550,413; Italian Social Movement—525,400.

The percentages of the total votes for the Chamber for the principal parties were: Christian Democrats—48.7 percent; Popular Front—30.7; Socialist Unity—seven; National

Bloc—3.8; Monarchists—2.3; Republicans—2.5; Social Movement—2.0.

Announcing these results, the Minister of the Interior, Signor Mario Scelba, said: "The Italian people have given a great demonstration of confidence in the Christian Democrats and of a love of liberty for their country."

"The fact that the Christian Democrats have obtained an absolute majority in both the Senate and the Chamber is something new in Italy's political history."

Five hundred police and Carabinieri lined up outside the Christian Democrat Party headquarters in Rome this evening as huge crowds gathered to hear Signor Alcide de Gasperi make his first public statement since the election results giving a sweeping victory to his party.

WILL DEFEND LIBERTY

Signor de Gasperi, leader of the triumphant Christian Democrats, told a vast crowd tonight: "We have only one ambition—to put ourselves at the service of Democracy. We are determined to defend liberty."

"We want to reach an agreement with the other anti-Communist parties on foreign policy and other matters contributing to the real recovery of Italy," he added.

"We are determined to defend liberty in every way possible."

"We Catholics want to preserve the independence of the Church. It is our duty to safeguard the respect due to the Holy See."

Picked Carabinieri in navy blue uniforms and high jackboots held back the pressing crowds, eager to catch a glimpse of the Prime Minister as he drove from the Ministry of the Interior to the Christian Democrat Party headquarters to tell the people in his first post-election statement of his striking victory over the Popular Front.

Citizens of all classes were among the great crowd that listened to the speech—street sweepers and prosperous business men, newsmen and shawled old women in wrinkled stockings and shuffling slippers, and many priests—black-robed monks, white-cowled nuns and bearded friars in rough homespun cloth, wearing sandals.

ROARS OF CHEERS

Film cameramen stood on the tops of cars filming the crowds. Before Signor de Gasperi started speaking, loudspeakers gave the waiting Romans minute-by-minute reports on the last election results.

Regular police, in green blue battle dress, with revolvers in hip holsters, guarded the entrance to the headquarters before the speech started, scrutinizing the credentials of all who entered the building.

Roars of cheers rose again and again from the crowds as the Premier stepped on to the balcony, accompanied by the Minister of the Interior, Signor Scelba, after being handed the final results from Rome showing that his party had more than doubled its votes in the city since the last elections.

"Today we can solemnly celebrate this victory—which is also a victory for the people's dignity," the Premier said.

"All the forces of order, the whole of the Administration, have placed themselves in the service of the liberty of all, of the liberty of the Italian people."

"This is the road along which we must always march—freedom for the parties, freedom for the assembly."

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Colony's "Humiliating" Airport Position

London, Apr. 21.—An assertion that aircraft could not land at Hongkong, which was "rather humiliating," was made in the House of Commons today by Mr Alan Lennox Boyd, a Conservative Member.

Another Conservative Member, Mr William Teeling, said international aircraft were bypassing Hongkong because they could not land there and a Labour Member, Mr John Paton, said the airport at Hongkong was always difficult and that on many days of the year it was "positively dangerous" to aircraft.

These remarks followed a statement by Mr Christopher Mayhew, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, that the Colonial Secretary Mr Arthur Creech Jones, hoped to make a statement about a new airport for Hongkong soon. He said he would put the points raised by the Members to Mr Creech Jones.

When Mr Teeling protested that an answer that the matter was "under active consideration" had been given for many months, Mr Mayhew replied: "Yes, but there will be a statement in the near future"—Reuter.

Big Loan For Cotton Shipments To Japan

ASSISTING TEXTILE INDUSTRY

Washington, Apr. 21.—The government owned Export-Import Bank said it will join three private banks in making a US\$60,000,000 loan to finance shipment of American cotton to Japan.

The Export-Import Bank will provide US\$29,000,000 of the credit. The remaining US\$31,000,000 will be furnished by the Chase National, National City Bank of New York and the Bank of America at San Francisco. All three have branches in Japan.

Japanese mills are to make textiles from the cotton. Forty per cent of the cotton cloth produced will be consumed in Japan and the rest sold in Japan's prewar export markets, the Bank said.

"The credit, no doubt, will constitute an important step forward in restoring Japan to a self-sustaining basis," the Bank's statement said.

Earlier, the Bank gave a similar but smaller cotton credit to US occupied Germany.

MACARTHUR'S VIEW

The Bank said General Douglas MacArthur, Allied Supreme Commander in Japan, believes the cotton loan to that country will be of major help in restoring Japan's cotton textile industry.

The Bank said MacArthur also considers that industry "an important element in the Japanese economy, not only in the employment of labour, but also the prevention of disease, unrest, etc."

The credit is being given in favour of the "occupied Japan export-import revolving fund" set up by MacArthur to finance purchases of cotton. Cotton lint and waste in the U.S.

The Export Import Bank said the credit will not take final effect until the formal agreement has been signed in the United States and Japan.

The Bank said the revolving fund has US\$104,000,000 in gold, US\$18,000,000 in silver and US\$378,000 in US money which was turned over to the occupation authorities.

The Bank's board of directors met today and cleared away the last few details.—Associated Press.

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BATTLE FOR HAIFA BEGINS

Security Forces Withdrawn

Haifa, Apr. 21.—A battle began today for control of the mixed Jewish-Arab city of Haifa, Palestine's principal port after the British withdrew their security forces from much of the city.

Gunfire crackled along the slopes of Mount Carmel. The firing was between the all Jewish Hadar-Carmel, halfway up the Mount and the mixed Jewish-Arab areas.—Associated Press.

CANNON FIRE

Haifa, Apr. 21.—British troops opened up with cannon fire late today against Jewish snipers who directed fire at the only road in Haifa which the British authorities plan to hold until their troops are evacuated.

Sharp, brief gun battles between the Jews and British followed the announcement today that the British would clear out of most of the city.

At the same time, several Arab sources conceded the temporary loss of the predominantly Jewish port city, but claimed the Arabs would retake it when organised Arab armies were in action in Palestine.—United Press.

TO PROTECT STORES

Jerusalem, Apr. 21.—The Government today announced that some British troops would remain after the mandate ended on May 15, to protect stores.

The announcement came amid persistent rumours that the Government was printing documents headed "Proclamation of British Army Occupation"—United Press.

ARAB ALLEGATION

Damascus, Syria, Apr. 21.—The Arab Army headquarters here declared in a communique tonight that it had been definitely established that Russian forces were fighting besides Hagannah in Palestine.—Reuter.

RED CROSS CAMPS

Jerusalem, Apr. 21.—The Committee of the International Red Cross in Palestine announced here today that both Arabs and Jews have given a formal written assurance affirming their willingness to apply and respect the Geneva Convention of 1929 in any Palestine hostilities.

The conference was suddenly interrupted by an announcement by Mr Richard Stubbs, the Palestine Government chief information officer: "I have just received a telephone warning that the building we are now sitting in (the six-story Public Information Office) is going to be blown up."

The warning was ignored and the conference continued.

BATTLE HAVENS

M. Jacques de Renier, the Red Cross delegate in Palestine, denounced attacks against vehicles carrying the Red Cross, the Arab Red Crescent and the Jewish Red Shield.

He strongly condemned as "repugnant to the true soldier" the massacre of civilians and the mutilation of the dead.

"Battle Havens," capable of holding 150,000 women and children of both sides and possibly the aged and sick, will be located roughly in the area of the present Government House and in the Franciscan building around Terra Sancta. M. de Renier said.

He appealed to public opinion to assist the Red Cross and the Red Crescent authorities to protect and save the lives of non-combatants in the imminent struggle.

During the conference, British Sappers searched the building but found no explosives.—Reuter.

TROOPS OR CONSTABLES?

Lake Success, Apr. 21.—It was still too early to define precisely what "police forces" would be required for Palestine and what the exact nature of the American contribution to them would be, a United States delegation spokesman said here today.

Control Of Gold And Silver Movements

Shanghai, Apr. 22.—The Ministry of Finance has promulgated a set of rulings governing the movement of gold and silver to and from China, according to the semi-official United Press Information Bureau, quoting an authoritative source in Nanking. Under the terms ruling, gold imports from abroad without coverage from the Finance Ministry is prohibited. Passengers arriving in China are allowed to carry gold ornaments not exceeding one ounce. Excess over the maximum will be detained by the Chinese authorities. Gold and silver exports are prohibited. The penalty for smugglers will be confiscation of the bullion found in their possession. Gold ornaments carried by passengers leaving the country must not exceed two ounces. Anything in excess of the limit is liable to be confiscated.—Reuter.

ANOTHER MINE DISASTER

Lima, Apr. 21.—Eight miners were known to have been killed, 150 are in danger, and more deaths are feared as a result of an explosion and fire in the Ausas Calientes mine at Casapalca, near Oroya, 90 miles east of Lima, the newspaper, La Tribuna, reported today.

Three of the dead were suffocated when they went down the mine in an attempt to release trapped men. Assistance has been summoned from Lima and Oroya.—Reuter.

Conference With T.V. Soong

Canton, Apr. 22.—General Kwel Yung-tung, who is in command of China's Navy, is expected to visit Canton in the immediate future for a conference with Dr T. V. Soong, and then proceed to Hainan Island for an inspection tour, according to press reports.

Reliable quarters believe that General Kwel's visit is in connection with the possible establishment of a naval base in the south. General Kwel was head of the Chinese Military Mission to England during the late war, and was China's military representative in Berlin after Germany's surrender.—Reuter.

Official Recognition

London, Apr. 12.—The British Government has recognised King Self Al Islam Ahmed as the lawful head of the Yemen Government, a Foreign Office spokesman announced today.—Reuter.

China Due To Receive Relief Supplies This Week

Shanghai, Apr. 22.—The first shipment of relief supplies, which China purchased with US\$50 million advanced from the US\$460 million China Aid, is scheduled to arrive here on Saturday aboard the liner Dr Lykes. It is learned this morning.

The supplies consist of nearly 7,000 tons of rice and just over 2,000 tons of cotton, sulphur and fertiliser.

According to Dr Chang Kia-ngau, Governor of the Central Bank, more than US\$300 million out of Aid funds approved by Congress, will be spent on the Chinese people in the form of commodities, a list of which is now being prepared by the Government. The Government is expected to sign a letter of intent before Aid commodities flow into China in a formal manner.

The cargo arriving on Saturday was purchased after the United States realised the urgency to increase food supplies in China.—Reuter.

Bomber Planes For China

Shanghai, Apr. 22.—Four Canadian Mosquito-type bomber planes, sold to China under special credit arrangements, are being unloaded today from the steamer Island Side, which arrived here over the week-end.

The aircraft represent the third shipment of the same type of bombers delivered here.

The ship also transported to Shanghai a general military cargo of 8,000 tons.

On a makeshift assembly line at the Chinese Air Force's airfield in Tazang, northern suburb of Shanghai, Canadian supervisors from the DeHavilland Aircraft Works, of Toronto, will help Chinese personnel to re-assemble the twin-engined Mosquitos.—Reuter.

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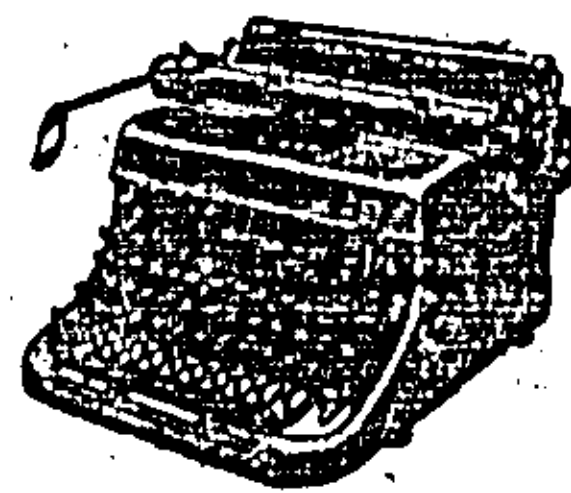
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Blouse and shoes for Spring.

By GRACE THORNCIFFE

NEW SHOES, new blouses, new bags and new gloves all are ready to point up that new suit or help out an old favourite. Shown today is a pretty suit blouse of white crepe with a square yoke marked by a self ruffle. The small pointed collar sports a black velvet bow. The full sleeves ease into tight wristbands. Smooth black kidskin is used for the pretty Spring shoe, a sandal with an ankle strap that is twisted above the cut-out heel.

ANYTHING TAKES TO SUDS

By ELEANOR ROSS

IT'S wonderful that, nowadays, except for heavy dresses, suits and coats, almost any item we wear, except a hat and leather shoes, takes to suds.

Take the scarf which has long exceeded its original function as neck-wear and now doubles as a blouse, dress trimming, belt, hat trimming, skirt apron, fichu, derriere bow to name but some of its accessory functions.

Whatever whims you try with scarves, make them bright accents of colour. Even prints that are not fast colour can be washed successfully with the aid of lukewarm suds and speed. Roll in a towel after rinsing to remove excess moisture. If in doubt, about colour running, wash at once, trying to complete the entire job from rinsing to final folding in seven minutes. It can be done, and easily!

For colours you trust, try drying your scarf against a clean portion of the tiled bathroom wall, like a handkerchief, and you'll find it ready for use next morning.

Evening Slippers

Satin evening slippers are back again and if your gala winter doings have included lots of dancing, and your satin slippers bear witness to stepped-on toes, try the dry suds method of freshening them up. Make a soap jelly out of scraps by dissolving in hot water, then whip with an egg beater to a stiff foam. Use a knife or spatula and lift off some of the foam onto a brush, and then brush away on the fabric uppers, working very speedily. Remove foam with a spatula, then wipe with a cloth wrung out of clear water and dry away from artificial heat.

Be sure to stuff shoes with tissue first to keep them in shape and don't remove until shoes are quite dry. Then remove and substitute fresh tissue. Incidentally, this method works well for most fabric bedroom slippers.

If that lovely new bias-cut slip hangs unevenly after its first trip to the suds, don't blame it on the store. The chances are that the fault lies in the ironing. Next time, try ironing diagonally across the slip so that your iron moves along the straight or grain of the goods—you'll get much better results.

DO YOU LET YOUR BABY CRY IT OUT?

By Garry Cleveland Myers, Ph.D.

EVERY mother should make up her mind before her infant is born whether she is going to let him cry it out or not. If she is not, there's no sense in her ever letting him cry long at a stretch to make him wail. If she lets him cry longer and longer from time to time but always surrenders in the end, she builds up all sorts of problems for the child and herself. With all the obvious follies of the self-demand of dealing with infants it has the obvious virtue of giving the youngster what it wants ungrudgingly and with a good conscience.

A mother recently sent this letter: "I have a son 11 months old and an expected another child in three months. My baby doesn't lack love and affection, as he is the only baby in the family and is adored and loved by all of us.

Sleeping Habits

"His sleeping habits are a problem to me. I must hold him and, most of the time, walk back and forth with him to get him to go to sleep, then gently ease him into the crib and tuck him away. As soon as he awakens he stands right up in his crib and cries until I take him and put him to sleep again.

"The same goes for his night sleep as well as his day sleep. He awakens three or four times after midnight. His day nap is 10 or 15 minutes at a time. As soon as I hold him he goes right back to sleep again. It keeps me running back and forth

NEW WAY OF TAKING MEDICINE

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D.

THE so-called aerosol treatment, developed during the past few years, gives the doctor still another method of giving needed drugs by the simple means of having the patient breathe them.

The selection drug is put into solution which is then turned into a very fine mist by means of a high-power atomizer. By breathing this mist, the patient brings the drug into the most inaccessible parts of the air passages and lungs.

Special Apparatus

Hospitals have special apparatus for converting the solution into a mist by blowing a current of oxygen through it. Simpler ones are now available for home use, though it should be said at the outset that the method of giving medicine in current use will not do the trick since it does not give a fine enough spray to penetrate deeply into the air passages.

Aerosol therapy may be used for two purposes. One is to give the general effects of such a preparation as penicillin. When the penicillin is breathed into the lung, it is absorbed into the blood and thus may be effective in overcoming infections in various parts of the body. The aerosol penicillin may be used in the home when a nurse is not available to give the penicillin by injection.

However, the greatest effects are obtained from the action of the penicillin on the lung tissues. Thus, it may be employed in the treatment of infections of the trachea or windpipe, the bronchi or tubes in the lungs, and pneumonia, which is an infection of the lung tissues.

Chronic or long-continued infection of the lungs also may be aided by this form of treatment. For example, it is used in chronic bronchitis and in bronchiectasis, a condition in which the bronchi are dilated or enlarged.

Affected Lung

Sometimes, in cases of bronchiectasis, operations are required for the removal of a portion of the affected lung. Prior to operation, aerosol treatment may be extremely useful in reducing the dangers of the operative procedures.

Substances other than penicillin may be given in the form of an aerosol. In certain conditions, such as chronic bronchitis, there may be a collection of excessive amounts of mucus in the bronchi, and swelling of the lining membrane. The giving of epinephrine in the form of an aerosol may aid greatly in shrinking these lining membranes, and getting rid of the mucus, and opening up the air passages. Aerosol administration of epinephrine may also be employed in the treatment of asthma. It would seem that this form of treatment for asthma is not employed as often as it might be.

to his room. I can't accomplish much work and I never have an evening to myself. With another baby coming soon, I don't know what I'll do.

Stands And Cries

"I've tried placing him in his crib to see if I could make him go to sleep by himself. But each night he would just stand there and cry for an hour or more. It made no difference whether the light was on or off or whether we were in the room with him or not. He just cried till my husband's nerves and mine were exhausted. Then the very minute we picked him up he stopped crying and in less than five minutes was sound asleep. But every night we tried this it seemed to upset his nerves and he was restless all night."

My reply in part: The chances are that when the new baby comes there will be some person who will let the baby cry it out. This would be more costly to the youngster than to let him cry it out now. Besides, having the new baby will require so much of your time and attention as to be a big ordeal to this older child anyway. So much better to settle the matter now and make the child less dependent on you. Of course, you should hold and fondle this child often at other than at his sleep-time.

Good Training

At any rate, you might as well make up your mind whether to go on in your present way or to pay the price of good training. Perhaps the easiest way would be to employ a trained nurse and go away from home for several days. In case you resolve to do the training yourself, keep in close touch with your physician. But don't begin until you mean to see it through, even if he cries for four or five hours the first night—and it may take several nights.

Surrender Tragic

To let the poor youngster cry for a few hours and then surrender to him would be tragic. The longer a child cries before he finally wins the longer he will cry next time. The greater his effort the richer the reward. I wish all young mothers would keep in mind this simple principle. Any mother letting an infant cry it out should remain in easy hearing distance to make sure he does not suffocate.

Never before has there been such a bewildering array of perfumes from which to choose. The shopper is thrown into a state of confusion. Since it is important that she should find a product that appeals to her, that is not strong—strong perfumes are still considered vulgar and in bad taste—it is wise for her to purchase a small vial and try out its contents.

Perfumes Should Be Subtle



Give your clothes a subtle scent by sprinkling sachet on them as they hang in the closet.

By HELEN FOLLETT

DELICATE, elusive perfumes give an exquisite distinctiveness to a woman and to everything that belongs to her. They should never be obtrusive, but just strong enough to cast glamour over the dainty things she wears: her gloves, scarves, handkerchiefs. Now that petticoats have returned, a bit of fragrance on the hem will form a delicious aura for a girl when she dances. Individuals vary, of course, in their sensitiveness to perfumes, but in general every woman feels that they do something to her soul, make her feel rich and elegant.

While many popular perfumes are blends or bouquets, one can still find those with flower labels; they appeal to the conservative class. Violet is a revived favourite. Mimosa is delicate, as is nigellone that reminds one of an old fashioned garden. Lily of the valley was especially compounded, it would seem, for young ladies in their teens.

If one must keep a weather eye on the balance in the check book, sachets will be found an excellent investment. Carnation has a sweet, spicy, invigorating fragrance, is wonderfully lasting.

Cosmetic chemists are packaging perfume, toilet water and sachets, all of the same aroma. These three work together in fine style. A little perfume behind your pearly ears when taking up for the party. A toilet water friction after the bath. Sachet powder in dresser drawers, hat boxes, glove boxes. Wonderful! And you shall have perfume wherever you go.

BOYS AND GIRLS MAGAZINE

Mary Jane Had a Faded Face

—So the Cricket Painted Her a Fine New One—

By MAX TRELL

GENERAL Tin, the tin soldier, was sorry to have to say it. But he said it anyway, even though he didn't want to hurt Mary-Jane's feelings. Mary-Jane was a rag-doll. But everyone in the playroom knew she had feelings, and that they could be hurt.

"Mary-Jane," said the General, "your face is fading away. Of course," he added quickly, "it hasn't all faded away. I can still see the bits of blue that used to be your beautiful eyes. And I can see the red of your lips where they used to smile. And I can still (if I look very hard) see the end of your up-turned nose."

Bit Of Pink

"I can see a little bit of pink where your cheeks used to be," said Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, who thought General Tin oughtn't to be the only one to tell Mary-Jane what was happening to her face.

"I can't see your ears any more but I know where they used to be," Mr. Punch said.

Mary-Jane didn't cry, though she felt like doing it. Rag-dolls don't cry. They can't.

"It isn't really your fault, dear," the China Doll said (there was nothing wrong with her face). "It's just that the children left you out in the rain and it all washed away. But you do have to have a face. Everyone has to have a face."

But Mary-Jane didn't know where she could get a new face, or how she could go about getting the old one (which she liked best because she had it so long) repaired. It was the cricket, who came every night to the window of the playroom and serenaded Mary-Jane with his guitar, who decided how her face could be made to look as fresh and beautiful as it once did.

"All I need," he chirped, "are some colours and a brush."



The Cricket painted Mary-Jane a pretty new face.

"Exactly," said General Tin. "That's all you need." "Just listen to that cricket," said the China Doll (who really wasn't too eager to see Mary-Jane looking beautiful again), "just listen to him! Where will he get all those different colours? And where will he find a brush fine enough to brush them on? Crickets are always bragging."

In The Meadow

But the cricket was already far off in the meadow, getting what he needed. He got blue from the blue-bells for Mary-Jane's eyes, and red from the roses for Mary-Jane's lips, and pink from the pinks for her cheeks and her ears, and a speck of black from the petals of the daisies for the end of her up-turned nose.

And as for the brush, he got one as fine as silk from a mouse's tail. "Please believe me," General Tin said to Mary-Jane later when the cricket was through, "you're as beautiful as—as the flowers in the meadow."

"He's right, dear. You are," the China Doll said, though it wasn't too easy for her to say it.

And Mary-Jane's whole face smiled, except that there were two tiny tears in her eyes where the cricket had left two drops of dew.

POSERS?

A NAME FOR 'EM

Here is a list of 10 very common objects and 10 famous people. Each of the famous personages was during his life connected with one of the common objects in a way to make him famous. The object of this game is to connect the right pairs.

Count 10 for each correct answer. A score of 80 or better is excellent; 70 is good, and 60 is fair. Anything below 50 shows the need to study about folks who have done things. Answers will be found below printed upside down.

Apple	John Barrymore
Tower	Alexander Graham Bell
Profile	Madame Tussaud
One-Hoss	Antonius Stradivarius
Shay	William Tell
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Telephone	Louis Pasteur
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Rupert helps Dr. Lion—13



Going into yet another room, the Chinese conjurer fills the air with bangs and flashes and many wonderful coloured lights until Rupert is quite breathless. "Oh, thank you! They're simply topping, aren't they?" gasps the little bear. "I have never seen such lovely colours. But do you really think any of them would help Dr. Lion to cure people who have bad colds? He says he wants sunlight, and the sun doesn't usually go pop like that, does it? It would frighten us if it did!" ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.

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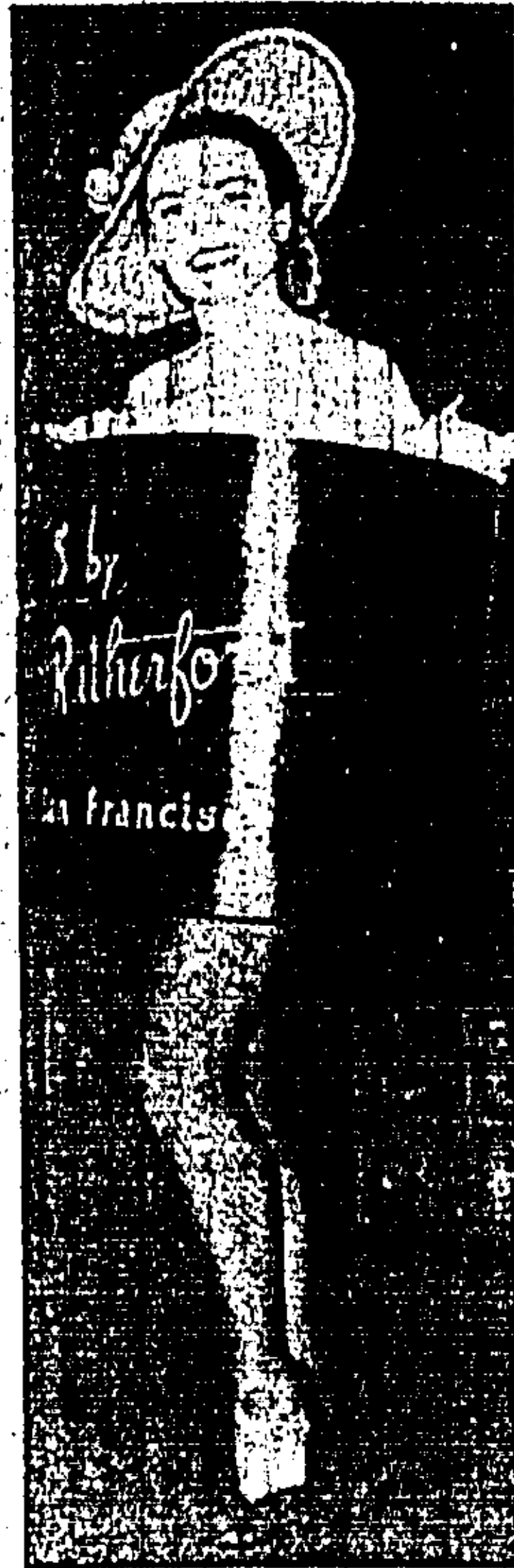
By Fred Harman



WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



PACT SIGNING—Prime Minister Joseph Stalin of Russia stands behind V. M. Molotov as the Soviet Foreign Minister signs the 10-year Russian-Finnish mutual aid pact in the Kremlin. Rear, left to right, are: V. A. Zorin and A. Y. Vyshinsky, Russian Vice-Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Premier Mauno Pekkala of Finland, and Stalin.



BOXED—The hat came second with the spectators when Diane Trunell modelled a straw number while wearing an oversized hat box at an Oakland, California, fashion show.



GREETINGS—Geoffrey Orton, 18 months' old, stretches out to shake the hand of Queen Elizabeth as the Queen arrives for a visit to the North Islington Infants' Welfare Centre, North London.



PRINCIPALS IN MARRIAGE ANNULMENT—Frederick W. Ebersole (left), a San Francisco executive, obtained an annulment of his Shinto marriage to Miss Elizabeth Church (extreme left) of Seattle, in a San Francisco court when he testified that what he thought was a "going away ceremony" in Tokyo, where he was a Navy commander, was in truth a Shinto marriage ceremony. Ebersole has a wife and three children.



SIDEWALK POLITICIANS—Against the background of the famed Milan Cathedral, sidewalk politicians are snapped arguing in the Piazza Del Duomo, in the heart of Italy's troubled north, which figured strongly in the recent national elections.



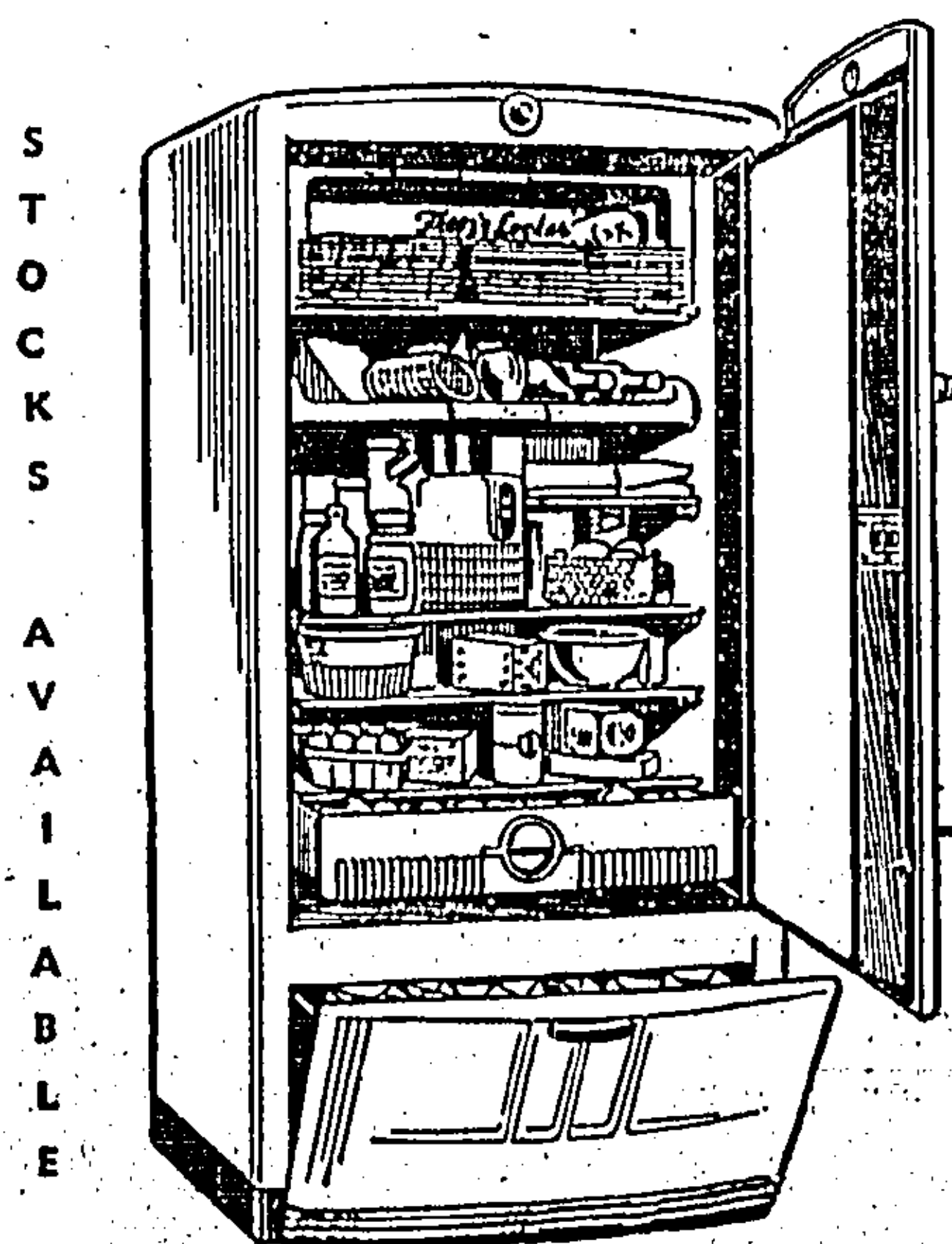
SOME BUMP—The right rear wheel of this 20-ton truck, loaded with steel, broke through the pavement on a Philadelphia street, smashed water and gas mains below the street, and came to rest on an electric cable. The driver leaped to safety but traffic had to be detoured for four hours.



JACKIE COOGAN AND DAUGHTER—Jackie Coogan and Mrs. Coogan, the former Ann McCormack, proudly hold their daughter, Joan Dolliver, as she has her picture taken for the first time. Looking on from a wall portrait is "The Kid" of nearly 30 years ago.



A PLACE IN THE SUN—Fighting has no respect for age—or youth. These Jewish refugees, forced to flee from the Jaffa-Telaviv border, are to the safety of Telaviv itself, find pleasure in just sitting in the warm sun.



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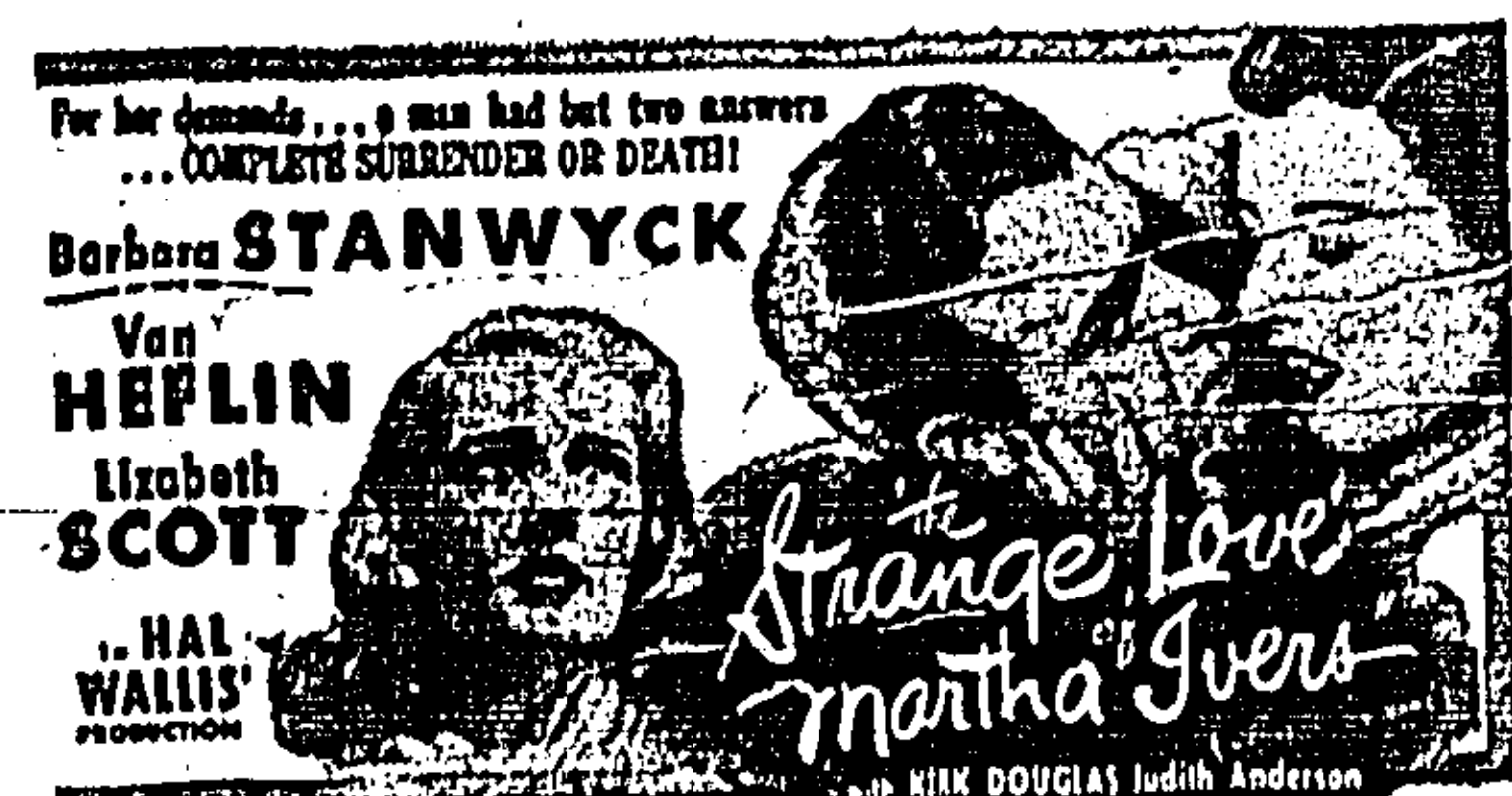
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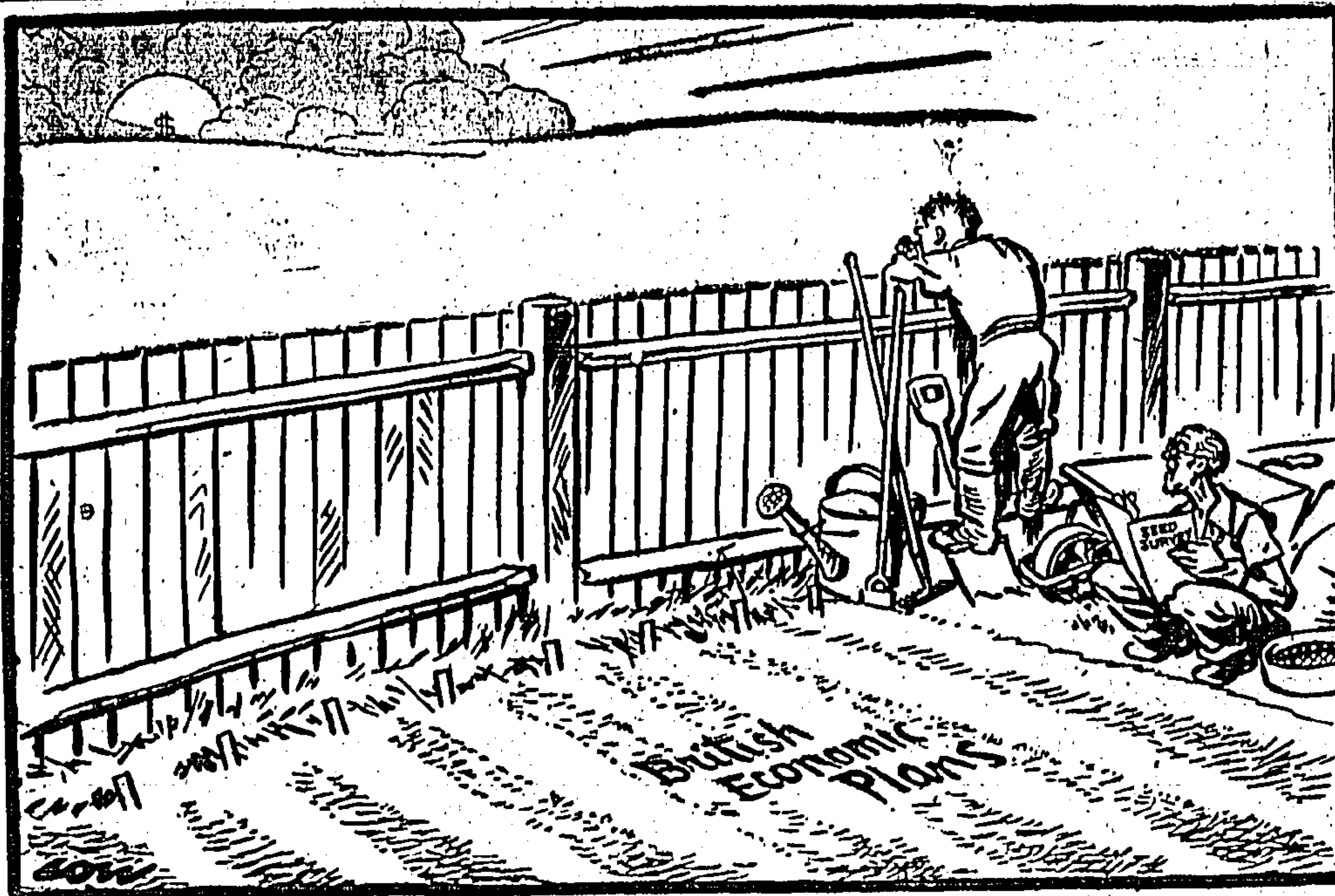
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Fred MacMURRAY
Ava GARDNER in "SINGAPORE"The mind
of a millionaireFORD'S FRIEND SHEDS NEW LIGHT ON THE
MONEY-GIANT WHO SCORNE MONEY...

ONCE upon a time Henry Ford bought a railway—the Detroit, Toledo and Ironton line. It had not paid a dividend for 50 years. Ford tackled the job of running it with a completely open mind.

After studying the maintenance costs, he suggested that it might be cheaper to build the track on steel ties laid in cement.

"It will not work, Mr Ford," said the superintendent of the line.

"But why?"

"You cannot operate on a rigid rail," said the superintendent, demonstrating with pencil and paper how a track moved under a train.

Ford did not believe it. He ordered a long curved stretch of experimental line to be built on steel sunk in concrete; it cost tens of thousands of pounds. Then he had a train run over the line to see what happened.

When the train came to the curves it jumped off the line.

Ford, looking on, was unconvinced. "Do it again," he said.

The train was lifted back on the line. It made two more runs. Each time it jumped the line at the curve.

"That'll do," said Ford. "Tear up the track."

He had to see for himself. It was the way he learned his lessons.

Gold In Vault

THE story of the railway (which Ford sold, after running it for nine years, at a profit of £1,800,000) is told in "The Last Billionaire." The author, William C. Richards, is a Detroit journalist who became an intimate friend of Ford's, and who now makes public a wealth of hitherto unpublished material about him.

Ford regarded money as a toy. When his son Edsel was 21 he took the young man into a Detroit bank and asked to see the president.

"Bill," said Henry Ford to the banker, "I have a million dollars in gold here. This is Edsel's 21st birthday, and I want him to have them."

Edsel was then taken down to the vault where the gold was kept—so that he could see what a million dollars looked like.

Ford himself was indifferent to money. He was indifferent about it as a young man and the landlord who called for the rent (£4 a month for half a house) could never be sure of getting it. He was equally indifferent when he refused three cash offers of £200,000 in successive years for the Ford Company.

He refused the first offer in seven words. "I'd have the money," he said, "but no job." His son Edsel, waving aside the other offers, said, "What could we do with the money?"

When his chief engineer, William



HENRY FORD

B. Mayo, first went to work for him, Ford told Mayo to draw up his own contract. Mayo did so—and Ford started to sign it without reading it. Mayo asked if he did not want to know the terms.

"Would you sign it if you were me?" said Ford.

Mayo replied that he thought the contract was a good one both ways.

"That's good enough," said Ford. He finished the signing and put down his pen. "Now you're working for us," he said.

Strong Affection

FORD was a man of strong family affection. Apart from motor engines his great enthusiasm was for his small grandchildren. At a time when kidnappings were rife in the United States he feared that someone might try to carry off the children and hold them to ransom.

He sent for Harry Bennett, the chief of his private police. "I can replace factories, but not grandchildren," said Ford. "Drop everything and get busy."

Bennett got busy. He went himself to see the gang leaders of the American underworld and gave each of them a message. "If any harm comes to the Ford children," he said, "their grandfather will sell his factories and will devote his life and his fortune to giving gangland a taste of cut-throat war on a scale it has never known. At least, I hope also Henry Ford can play for keeps."

No harm came to the Ford children.

He Set A Test

FORD had his own methods of testing whether an employee was dependable or not. Once he walked into one of his offices with a sheet of papers and gave them to a young executive there. They were to be put away carefully, said Ford, and must not be given to anyone except him, in any circumstances.

Three days later one of Ford's secretaries came and asked for the papers. "What papers?" said the executive. "Mr Ford gave me none." The executive was summoned to the office of Ford's private secretary. "Bring me those papers," said the secretary. "I can't imagine your saying you haven't got them. Mr. Ford tells me he turned them over to you."

The executive insisted he had no papers.

Two days later Ford called on him, asked for the papers, and got them. No explanation was offered. Ford had been testing his ability to do what he was told and keep his mouth shut. A week later the man was assigned to a job calling for both qualities.

Making things work was a lifelong passion with Ford. He would borrow a friend's watch at the dinner table, produce from his pockets the set of miniature tools that he always carried, and take the watch apart to the last wheel. Then he would reassemble it.

Whenever he went on a journey he took with him a kit of tools in a rosewood box. He brought it with him when he came to England with his wife in 1928. They spent a week-end at Cliveden with Lord and Lady Astor. As Ford went to his rooms after arrival a member of the household staff said, "I took the liberty of laying out your apparatus."

Ford nodded blankly, supposing that "apparatus" was a colloquialism for luggage. When he opened his

door he found that the rosewood box had been unpacked and on a dressing-table in a neat row were all 52 pieces—pliers, wrench, vice, and so on. "The servant had taken for granted that Mr. Ford, to keep his hand in, might wish to put an automobile together in the drawing-room after dinner."

The Ford story that Ford liked best; once he went with a team of his mechanics into the woods of Michigan to test a new model. They felt hungry and called at a farm—where they found the farmer blushing over a decrepit Ford car that would not start.

The Ford Car

FORD and his mechanics set to work and got the car going. The farmer gave him a dollar and a half. Ford refused it and said, "I've really got all the money I want."

The farmer snorted. "Don't tell me that," he said. "You can't have all the money you want and still drive a Ford car."

Ford thereupon took the money. A couple of weeks later the farmer received Ford's cheque for a dollar and a half—together with a note that read: "I do have all the money I want and I do drive a Ford car. What's the matter with that?"

—G.M.T.

THE TIRED BUSINESS MAN TAKES A HOLIDAY (New York version)

Strip-tease Brings
A Night-life Boom

By Frederick Cook

NEW YORK.

A LONG New York's 62nd Street—America's most famous night club strip, just off Broadway—the era of swing music is over. And the street now is enjoying a boom unprecedented in Broadway history. Night after night tourists and hardened New Yorkers are flocking into its ramshackle clubs to see, not swing bands, but the oldest form of entertainment in America—strip-tease.

Outside the clubs, barkers in fantastic costumes bellow of the charms of the strippers. They vie with each other in enticing your attention to enormous pictures of the girls displayed on the pavement. The night club owners congratulate themselves on the fact that burlesque—banned in New York since 1941—has been revived in a new form by Mayor LaGuardia—has made a stunning comeback now that Mr. LaGuardia is dead.

I have been interviewing some of the people responsible for this upsurge in New York's night life. One of them is a striptease artist who uses the name "Georgia Sothem" and works from 8 until 1 a.m. at the smallest, most subterranean club of them all. It is also the most popular—result of an attempt by the police to ban the act.

"My dance," she told me, "is a modern bacchanale, to show I don't care. The police were wrong when they tried to close me up. I've be-

come popular. At first we gave only three shows a night, every two hours. Now we are giving four because the crowds want to see me."

Georgia first sings or huskily talks a number. Then she engages in an explosive prancing round the floor, accompanied by music and thrustings of her head and body as she smilingly whips off another piece of clothing with each clasp of the cymbals. When she is clad only in a pink net, tasselled and the briefest of girdles that she must receive extra money—upward of 25s. a week—if the brassiere is removed, her act finishes. A few of the spectators applaud.

At this night club the takings now average £600 a night. Prices charged are enormous. You grope your way through the cavern-like interior to your tiny table and are confronted by a girl stating that a charge of 17s. 6d. will be made for each person seated. Your beer will cost you 7s. a small glass; whisky twice as much.

Slack is 25s. a portion, potatoes 2s. 6d. and a piece of bread 2s. Yet Georgia's act lasts only three minutes. And the club has cut the supporting show—singer, comedian and Hawaiian dancer—from 45 minutes to 25.

"They get them out quickly after I have appeared," Georgia said. "Then they can get another lot in. The club is intimate, holding only 150 people. We therefore charge

high prices for drinks and I get a cut out of what the management takes. I host my regular salary from an average of £50 a week to about £250 this way. It depends on how good my dancing is."

Georgia is 33, a tall, muscular platinum blonde. She never permits her mother to see her act. She never rehearses, either. She says: "It isn't necessary for my kind of dancing. All I need to know is how to walk to music." At present she is awaiting a divorce from her fourth husband, to whom she has been married two years. While waiting she has written a book called Down Yonder and Up.

"The publishers want to change the title," she said. "But I won't let them. I know what sells. Don't you?"

Even the well-established night clubs are finding it necessary to change their policies if they want to share the prosperity that Georgia and her colleagues have brought to 52nd Street.

At one famous club in the street there is a new banner advertising its "All-Girlie Show." This club has no stripteases; but it has a girl with hair 40 inches long who appears in a diminutive costume to do a seductive dance routine.

I found few women and few young people at the tables in this club. The majority of the men who made up the audience were split into parties of six or more.

"This is usual in most New York night clubs now," said the manager. "We all cater to the business-man on holiday or to the visiting out-of-town buyer being entertained by his New York associates."

By Ernie Bushmiller

NANCY Fido Frappe



Breach Of Contract

Successful Claim For \$9,600

A claim for \$9,600 for breach of contract was brought by the International Import and Export Company, of 204 National Bank Building, against Shorman and Company, of 210 St Francis Hotel, before Mr Justice Williams at the Supreme Court this morning.

The claim was in respect of a contract signed between the parties on June 25, 1947, for the sale and delivery by defendants to the plaintiffs of 100 dozen pairs of Nylon stockings at the price of US\$17.75 per dozen, plus delivery and to be made in three weeks or by first available air freight. Upon signing the contract, plaintiffs paid to defendants a deposit of US\$440.

According to the statement of claim, defendants failed to deliver the stockings and did not return the deposit, although demands had been made.

Plaintiffs claimed that the loss of profit suffered on the 100 dozen pairs of stockings amounted to HK\$9,600. They claimed for that sum and for costs of the action.

UNCONTESTED

The action was not contested by defendants, who did not enter an appearance.

An application by Mr Brook A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr F. D. Hammond, who appeared for the plaintiffs, to amend the claim by the inclusion of an order for return of the deposit or its equivalent in Hongkong dollars was refused by the Court.

Mr Bernacchi said that in assessing the amount of damages, the plaintiffs had calculated that the official rate of exchange prevailing at the time was HK\$5.93 to US\$1 and reckoned by the plaintiffs for convenience, at HK\$6 per pair. The selling price was fixed at the controlled price of \$14 per pair for gauge 51 and over. The stockings contracted for were of gauge 54.

Following evidence by Mr A. O. Madar, manager of the plaintiff firm, regarding the contract and deposit receipt, which were produced in Court, his Lordship gave judgment for plaintiffs for the amount claimed and costs of the action.

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING

One casualty of yesterday's thunder storm has been reported to the police.

Cheung Chor, a member of the KCR working gang, was struck by lightning about 8.45 a.m. while working near a bridge at Tai Po.

He was knocked unconscious and was taken immediately to the Tai Po Dispensary for emergency treatment. Later he was sent to Kowloon Hospital where he was found to be suffering injuries to his face, arms and legs.

His condition today is reported to be not serious.

PRISON FOR EX-PC

Ho Nui-lim, 20, ex-police constable, was sentenced to six months' hard labour and fined \$300 or three months by Mr d'Almada at Central this morning when he pleaded guilty to being absent from duty without permission in March, 1947, and failing to return accoutrements.

He was also ordered to be banished. Inspector Moran said defendant was required as a witness in a case heard in Court last year, but he absconded. He was later arrested. The value of the accoutrements was approximately \$300.

Inspector Moran added that he was instructed to say that defendant, who joined the Force in December, 1945, was a most undesirable character. He asked for a gao sentence and banishment.

ASSAULTED POLICEMAN

For resisting and assaulting the police yesterday Wai Chi-pang, 37, unemployed, with a previous conviction for hawking without a licence, was sentenced to three months by Mr d'Almada at Central this morning.

Two charges against Wai for obstruction and hawking without a licence were withdrawn.

PC Leung Ka said that he arrested defendant about 2 p.m. yesterday in Theatre Lane for hawking newspapers without a licence. When he proceeded to take him to the Station defendant resisted and in doing so tore his jacket sleeve.

Defendant further assaulted witness and bit him on the chest, which necessitated medical attention. Witness said he was again assaulted by defendant in Des Voeux Road Central.

Insp. Moran prosecuted.

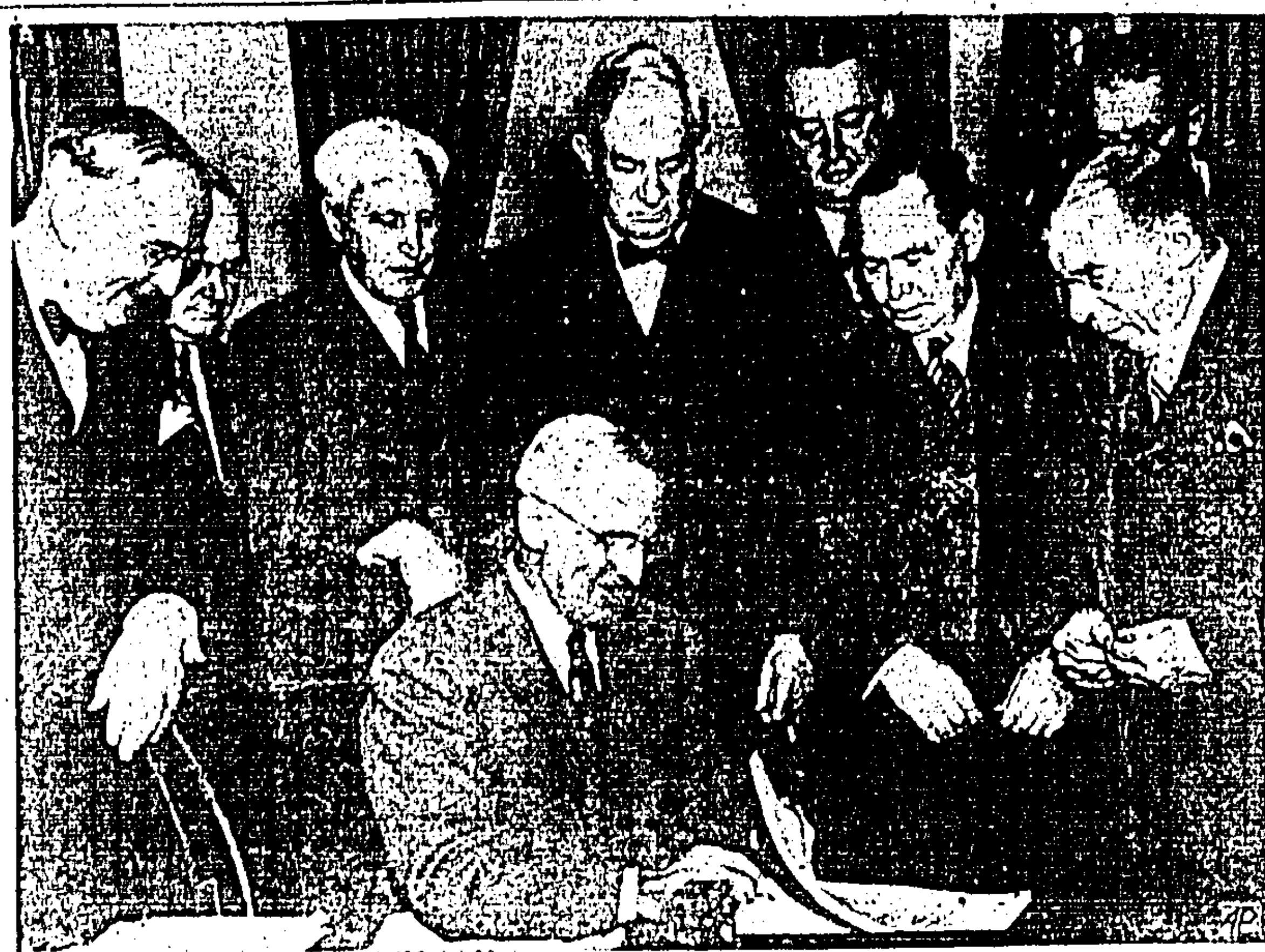
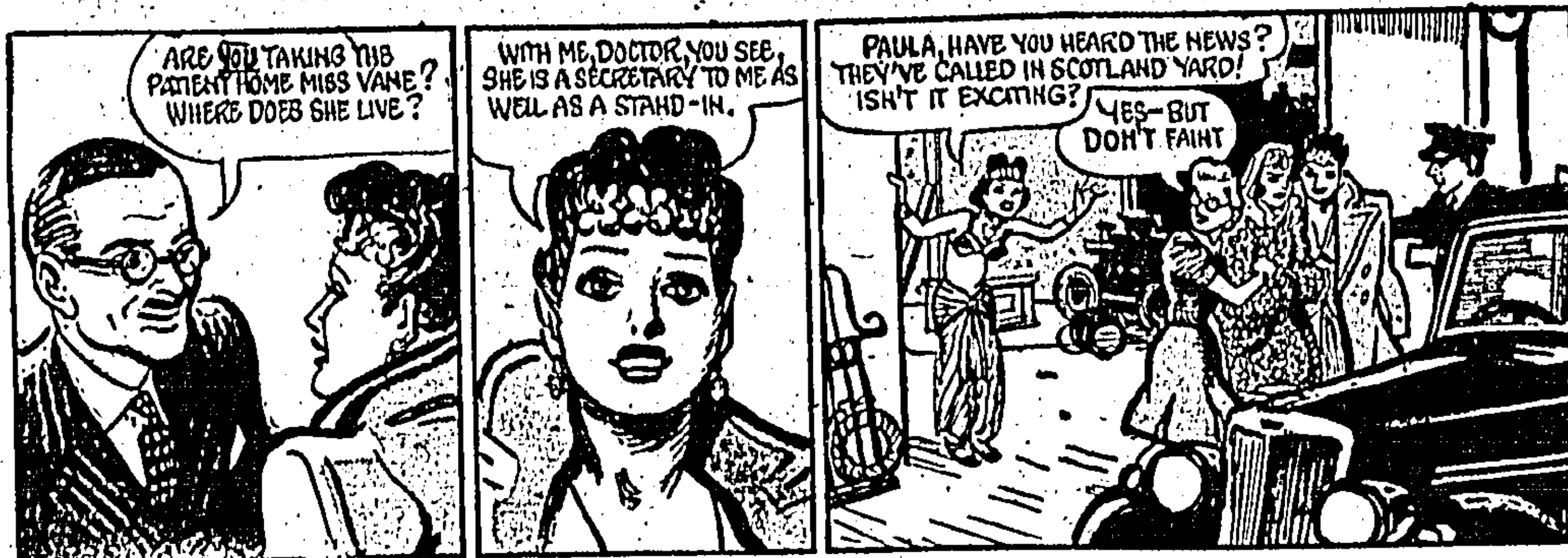
Kept Opium Divan

Pleading guilty to keeping an opium divan at 30, Wing Kut Street on April 21, Wong Ho, 46, married woman was fined \$500 or three months by Mr d'Almada at Central this morning.

Four men charged with smoking opium on the premises were absent and their bail of \$500 estreated.

Insp. H. Moran prosecuted.

PAULA BY DENNIS WHEATLEY



WIFE TREATED AS HOSTILE WITNESS

New Turn In Attempted Murder Charge

A wife's apparent reluctance to testify against her husband on an attempted murder charge led to her being treated as a hostile witness at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

The woman was Chung Tsui-ye and it was the case for the Crown that she was the victim of a murderous assault by her husband, Wong Hung, 20, a Sanitary Department coolie, at No. 7 Cemetery, Customs Pass Road, on the evening of January 22.

Wong is charged with attempted murder and causing grievous bodily harm to Chung. The case is being heard by Mr Justice Goff and a jury which included three women.

Mr J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, said that accused was employed as a coffin carrier at No. 7 Cemetery and lived with his wife and mother at No. 1 Tung Fong Street, first floor. On January 22, accused returned from work and drank half a bottle of wine, the occasion being the slaughter of a chicken. After the meal, accused and his wife went out together. They took a taxi to Kai Tak and then walked up Customs Pass Road. When they came to No. 7 Cemetery they climbed up a hill.

The wife would tell the Court, Mr Reynolds continued, that accused asked her about some gold finger rings and when she told him she had lost them he struck her on the head with an instrument. She would also say that she then ran into an air raid tunnel, pursued by accused who again struck her on the head whereupon she collapsed and remembered nothing more.

According to accused's mother, accused returned the same evening to his home about 9 p.m. and asked where his wife was. They then searched the streets of Shamshing and Mongkok for the wife and when they failed to find her about midnight they made a report to the Police.

LYING UNCONSCIOUS

Some time after 8 a.m. the next day, the wife was discovered lying unconscious in the tunnel. About two feet from her were a pool of blood and the head of a pickaxe. The broad end of which was stained with blood. The Police were informed and the woman was taken to Kowloon Hospital. On the way down the hill, they met accused, who began to cry and said that the woman was his wife and that she had been missing since the previous night.

Dr Pang Teng-cheung, of Kowloon Hospital, said the woman was admitted to hospital in a serious condition, suffering from head injuries, shock and a head laceration. There were two wounds on the right side of the head, one of which exposed the bone. The wounds were consistent with having been caused by the broad end of a pickaxe. Similar evidence was given by Dr S. H. Moore, also of Kowloon Hospital, who added there were also multiple bruises on the right shoulder and arm and that he thought at one time the woman would die. The woman was unconscious.

conscious for some days but was finally discharged on March 27.

DIFFERENT STORY

Called to testify, the wife gave a story entirely different to the one she had given at the Lower Court. She said that she had been married for four years and that on the evening in question, after the meal, she asked her husband to go out for a walk to cool themselves as the weather was rather hot. After they had reached the hill, she took off her coat and her husband then asked her about three gold finger rings. She replied that she had lost them and her husband then slapped her once. She ran into the air raid tunnel, followed by her husband who gave her a push. She fell down, fainted and remembered nothing more.

Mr Reynolds then applied to treat the wife as a hostile witness, but the application was refused. His Lordship holding that it was too early to decide. However, the request was granted after the wife had stated that she did not know how she came to be in hospital or how she got the wounds in the head, adding that they might have been caused by her falling down.

Further questioned, the wife denied having said at the Magistrate's that accused struck her on the head with an instrument or any knowledge of having made a statement to Inspector Matches while in hospital. She added that her husband frequently drank wine and that after drinking he became "mad" and sometimes bent himself.

Asked by the Court if he had any questions to put to his wife, accused replied in the negative. Sui Sim, mother of accused, said that when his son returned about 9 p.m. she asked him where his wife was and he replied that he did not know. They then went out to look for her and when they failed she dragged him to the Police Station and made a report.

The case is proceeding.

Off To Rescue Passengers

Shanghai, Apr. 22.—The steamship Changcheng is scheduled to leave Tientsin today in an attempt to rescue 1,250 passengers of the ill-fated Wan Lee who are marooned in Communist-held Yungchenshan in Northeast Shantung province.

The Wan Lee recently ran on rocks off Shantung promontory. All the passengers, including one American, landed in Communist territory.

Sha Yu-jen, captain of the Wan Lee, will command the rescue ship. The Communists had permitted him to leave their area to obtain a rescue ship.—Associated Press.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN SIGNS THE FOREIGN AID BILL.—At a White House ceremony, President Truman signs the history-making foreign aid bill into law. Looking on (left to right) Sen. Arthur Vandenberg; Secretary of Treasury John W. Snyder; Rep. Charles A. Eaton; Sen. Tom Connally; Secretary of Interior Julius Krug; House Speaker Joseph W. Martin; Rep. Sol Bloom; and partially hidden at right is Secretary of Agriculture Clinton Anderson.—AP Wirephoto.

WEDDING IN KOWLOON

Miss Da Silva And Mr Rodrigues

The Rosary Church, Kowloon, was the scene of a pretty wedding this morning, when Miss Estela Maria Lourdes da Silva, daughter of Mr and Mrs Marciano A. da Silva, became the bride of Mr Carlos Henrique Rodrigues, of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China. The Rev. Fr A. de Angelis officiated.

The ceremony was followed by Nuptial Mass.

The bride is on the staff of the Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd., Head Office. She was given away in marriage by her father, and wore a charming gown of white satin, featuring a yoke of fine silk net trimmed with little roses, and a graceful basque falling into a long train. Her bouquet was composed of white gardenias.

The bridegroom's sisters, the Misses Carmen and Alice Rodrigues, were the bridesmaids, and wore dainty frocks of pink organdy with printed white floral design. They carried bouquets of Chinese asters. Little Frances Chan, as flower girl, was attired in white and carried a posy of roses.

Capt. J. S. Rodrigues, MBE, and Mr Antonio E. B. de Sousa undertook the duties of best men.

The reception, which was held at No. 8 Ashley Road, was attended by a large number of friends. When the happy couple left for the honeymoon, which is being spent at Cheung Chow, Mrs Rodrigues wore a pink going-away dress with white hat and accessories.

Strong Earth Tremors

Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic, Apr. 21.—Several strong earth tremors shook almost the entire island of Hispaniola today.

First reports indicated there were no casualties or serious property damage in the Dominican Republic. Sharp shocks were felt in Haiti, on the western end of Hispaniola. There was some panic in Port-au-Prince, the capital, but no casualties or damage.

The earthquake frightened the people of Ciudad Trujillo, where large crowds prayed in the public square. In Santiago, the Dominican Republic's second largest city, all business establishments closed and the centre of the city was evacuated.—Associated Press.

STUDENT CAR DRIVER FINED

Jimmy K. Ng, 19, student, of No. 3 Dragon Terrace, first floor, was fined \$300 by Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning for failing to stop after an accident, failing to show an "L" plate on his car and failing to sign his learner licence.

Sub-Insp. Si Wai-ming said at 9 a.m. on April 21, defendant who was a learner driver collided with a Chinese in Connaught Road West near the China Maritime Steamship Navigation Company, and instead of stopping the car, went straight on to the Police Station.

The injured person was taken to Queen Mary Hospital when a pedestrian telephoned for an ambulance. He was suffering from fractured thigh and would be detained in hospital for at least six months.

Yip Tai-ling, of 209 Jaffe Road, said he was with defendant who was driving car No. 7272 in Connaught Road West in a westerly direction. When near the Yuen On wharf a Chinese suddenly ran across the road. He warned the defendant to sound the horn and at the same time, he applied the hand brake. But the car could not be stopped and collided with the man. Defendant continued on and went to Central Police Station to make a report.

De Gasperi's Majority

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tions; freedom for trade union organisations.

"Laws must be based on the principle of freedom and order, on the defence of this freedom and order in a civilised community which represents a form of democracy."

WORK FOR ALL

"This is our programme. In this programme there is work for every individual and for all the forces which are contributing sincerely towards the same end—for co-operation sincerely practised in operation to refrain from the dictatorship by one group and any tendency towards violence, to submit to the common laws of democracy and to support a foreign policy which leads to economic growth and to the people who are stronger than we are, and leads to the solidarity of all free and democratic peoples."

"This programme will be solved with energy and vigilance so that nobody may misuse that freedom to conspire against the Fatherland."

"The programme will be carried out in the great Italian traditions which are the traditions of honour, discipline and morality."

Signor de Gasperi said the people were expecting a campaign against unemployment and a programme of agrarian reform. "All this will be carried out but with one absolutely necessary condition—the maintenance of liberty, respect for liberty, humility and a spirit of independence," he said.

"The Italian people must be free to decide their own destiny. Our democracy must carry out a policy encouraged by economic collaboration with peoples stronger than ourselves and by solidarity with all free and democratic people of the world."—Reuter.

Anti-Communism Resolution

Bogota, Apr. 21.—The United States, Chile, Brazil and Peru proposed today that the Inter-American Conference condemn international Communism as "an instrument of aggression used for imperialistic purposes."

The resolution would leave to the 21 American Republics the task of dealing with Communism each in its own way. The plan would thus avoid proposals advanced by some of the delegations for a hemisphere-wide outlawing of Communism.

At the same time the conference ordered an investigation into whether Nicaraguan troops have invaded Costa Rican territory to intervene in the revolution in that country where Communist-led militia are reported threatening to upset peace efforts.

Meanwhile, Red Cross officials reported that 1,500 persons died throughout Colombia in the uprising that flared on Apr. 9, interrupting the work of the Conference. The Red Cross estimated 2,500 were injured, though the exact number of the dead, the Red Cross said 1,200 were in Bogota and 800 elsewhere in the country.—Associated Press.

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Tusk Stolen From Shrine

Nikko, Japan, Apr. 21.—An elephant's tusk five feet eight inches long and weighing about 75 pounds, which was brought to Japan from Africa 350 years ago, has been stolen from the famous Toshogu shrine here.

The tusk was donated to the shrine by a warrior named Tadatsugu Sakai, one of the retainers of Iyeyasu Tokugawa, first military dictator of the Tokugawa line 350 years ago.

The curator of the shrine reported that the prized tusk was found missing on the morning of April 20.—United Press.

RUSSIAN REPORT ON AIR CRASH

Moscow, Apr. 21.—The Soviet Enquiry Commission on the Berlin air crash, in a report quoted by Tass, the official Soviet news agency, has repeated earlier Soviet allegations that the British airliner "shot out of the clouds" and struck the Russian fighter's tailplane.

It said the Russian plane had its undercarriage down for a landing, and added: "The reason for the collision was the British plane's violation of the rules of flight and its piercing through the clouds."

"The British administration did not receive preliminary permission from the Berlin air safety centre for the flight, although the rules of the Air Force Directorate of the Control Council made it obligatory to receive such permission,"—Reuter.

NOTICE

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED

Notice To Shareholders

ADOPTION OF NEW ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 28th April, 1948, at 12.15 p.m., or at such time as the Ordinary Annual Meeting of Members to be held at the same place at Noon shall terminate, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Special Resolution:—

"That the New Articles of Association proposed to the Meeting, and for the purpose of identification subscribed by David Fortune Landale, Chairman of the Company and of the Meeting, be adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all existing Articles of Association of the Company."

A copy of the Proposed New Articles can be inspected by any Shareholder at the Offices of the Company during the usual office hours.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. E. TERRY,
Manager and Secretary.
Hongkong, 5th April, 1948.

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Ordinary Annual Meeting

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Closing of Transfer Books
Notice is also given that the Register of Members and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 15th April, 1948, to 28th April, 1948, both days inclusive.

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Princess To Be Received Into Order Of The Garter

TOMORROW'S CEREMONY

London, Apr. 21.—Princess Elizabeth and nine noted Britons will be received into the Order of the Garter on Friday on the 600th anniversary of the Empire's most exclusive Order of chivalry.

The medieval ceremony at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, will bring the membership to 23. The limit of living members outside the Royal family is 25. The King is the sole elector.

Two Cakes For Royal Anniversary

Traditional Design Abandoned

London, Apr. 21.—More than two dozen baking firms and housewives with "wonderful" recipes have offered silver wedding cakes to King George and Queen Elizabeth but only two will be accepted.

The donors are McVitie and Price Ltd., holders of a Royal warrant to bake for their Majesties and makers of one of Princess Elizabeth's biggest wedding cakes, and the National Bakery School, run by the National Association of Master Bakers and Confectioners.

Most of the ingredients for these two cakes have been sent from overseas.

"Much as the King and Queen appreciate the many other offers," a Buckingham Palace spokesman said, "they feel that in these difficult times of food shortages they should decline all but the two cakes."

The anniversary will be celebrated on April 20.

SQUARE CAKE
The bakery students, eager to be distinctive, have turned from the traditional white round-tiered cake to a twin layered square cake standing three feet and six inches tall and weighing about 200 pounds. It will bear designs of the Royal castles and figures representing personal interests of the King and Queen—deer stalking, camping, duck shooting, the theatre, books and musical symbols. At the top will be two crowns and a ring on which two love birds perch.

The second cake "will be smaller and more conventional." Palace officials emphasised that compared with cakes made for previous Royal festivities, these two are "modest efforts indeed."

Picked men of Scotland Yard began final precautions today to ensure the safety of King George and Queen Elizabeth on their two silver wedding jubilee drives on April 20.

HOUSES SEARCHED
Detectives began an exhaustive investigation of houses and public buildings along the routes, interviewed "undesirable" persons and kept a sharp watch for firearms. As they did prior to Princess Elizabeth's wedding, the police are taking names and addresses of those who have paid from £1 to £5 for window or balcony vantage points.

Some 50 main streets in the heart of the capital will be closed to ordinary traffic for the ceremonial drive from Buckingham Palace to St Paul's Cathedral where the morning thanksgiving service will be held.

In the early evening before their broadcast to the nation, the King and Queen will drive by car over a more than 20 mile course through war scarred sections of London. At one stage of the planning, this project, though dear to the sovereigns, was all but abandoned because it was considered too risky.—Associated Press.

REUTHER OUT OF DANGER

Detroit, Apr. 21.—Walter Reuther, leader of the 600,000 CIO United Auto Workers, was pronounced out of danger today and \$110,000 in rewards were offered for the arrest and conviction of the gunman who cut him down from an ambush on Sunday night.

Doctors, who performed an operation upon him at New Grace hospital early today, said, however, that he might lose the use of his right arm which was shattered by a shotgun blast at his home. Reuther was wounded also in the chest.—United Press.

Berlin Disappearances

Berlin, Apr. 21.—The United States Military Government published today a list of 40 persons who have disappeared in Berlin since the occupation in 1945.

They gave the time and place in which each person was last seen and the available details of the circumstances.

The list included persons from the American, British and Russian sectors and persons who reached Berlin from the Soviet Zone.—Reuter.

The first Garter service since 1937, it will be the occasion for a splash of colour rare in these days of austerity living in England.

Princess Elizabeth just past her 22nd birthday, will become a Lady of the Order. Her husband, Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, will be made a Knight Companion along with eight others cited for service to England.

Viscount Alexander of Tunis, Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, Marshal of the Royal Air Force Lord Tedder, Earl Mountbatten of Burma, Lord Harlech, Lord Cranworth, the Earl of Scarborough and the Duke of Rutland, become the other Knights' Companions.

COLOURFUL DRESS
Horses of the Household Cavalry will be in ceremonial bridles, the Foot Guards in full dress will form a lane for a procession, a choir will sing forgotten songs and trumpeters will sound fanfares.

Present members of the Order and the initiates will wear purple robes lined with white tulle. The Knights' Companions will wear white kilts, hose, white shoes with red heels and caps decorated with ostrich and black heron's feathers.

First part of the ceremony will be to invest the newest members, including the Prince and Princess, King George VI will speak the six centuries old words of God omnipotent and in memorial to the blessed martyr St. George, the about the leg this new noble garter, wear it as a symbol of the most illustrious order never to be forgotten or laid aside.

GARTER ON ARM
The inch wide blue velvet garter will be placed on the Princess' left arm. The men will wear it below the left knee.

In the second part of the rites, all 10 initiates will be installed including Montgomery, Tedder and Mountbatten, who have already been invested.

The ceremony will be in absentia for Lord Mountbatten, who is Governor-General of India.

Princess Elizabeth becomes the fourth living Lady of the Order. The others are Queen Elizabeth, Queen Mary, and Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands. Along with other living members will be invited to a recess in a wall at St. George's Chapel to display her personal banner and name plate.

There have been about 850 members since 1348, but only 600 plates remain. Souvenir hunters are blamed for most of the discrepancy. Some members, Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany, for instance, have been degraded and their plates thrown into the dust bin.

DATE UNCERTAIN
That this is the 600th anniversary of the Order's founding is only a majority opinion of historians. No one knows for certain.

The most colourful version of the origin has it that King Edward III was dancing in 1346 with pretty Joan, Countess of Salisbury, when she lost a garter. The King, so the legend goes, halted some rude remarks from the sidelines by picking up the garter with the remark: "Hona soit qui mal y pense."

This became and still is, the motto of the Order.

Less romantic historians say there was no Countess of Salisbury at the time and that King Edward probably founded the garter Order to celebrate a triumph over the French.—Associated Press.

Entertainments Ban For 24 Hours

Manila, Apr. 21.—A ban on all forms of entertainment, including amusement places, was issued today by the Department of the Interior.

The ban takes effect on the evening of April 24 to April 25, in connection with the State burial of the late President Roxas.

The order was made public as the nation began a series of necrological services in honour of the departed Filipino leader.—Reuter.

Averell Harriman Becomes A Roving Ambassador

Washington, Apr. 21.—President Harry Truman today named Secretary of Commerce Averell Harriman to be roving Ambassador under the European recovery programme.

The nomination will be sent to the Senate on Thursday.

The new US\$25,000 a year post will take Mr. Harriman out of the President's Cabinet. As roving Ambassador he will keep in close touch with countries benefiting through the US\$5,300,000,000 ERP programme. Mr. Harriman said he is resigning from the Cabinet, effective on Thursday.

Earlier, Paul G. Hoffman, head of the Economic Co-operation Administration, announced the appointment of Alexander Henderson, New



VISCOUNT ALEXANDER

U.N. & THE KASHMIR CASE

Lake Success, Apr. 21.—The Kashmir case which has been before the Security Council for over four months, may be formally concluded today when the Council meets for what is expected to be the last session.

Here is the approximate plan of procedure as foreseen by Council members.

(1) The President will ask whether there are any further remarks from Council members in the general debate, particularly from those who have not yet spoken. It is interesting to note in this connection that the Soviet delegate, M. Andrei Gromyko, has not said a single word on the substance of the case since its beginning.

(2) When the general debate has closed, Dr. Alfonso Lopez, President of the Council, will ask if there are any amendments from Council members. It is learned authoritatively that it is extremely unlikely that any member will propose amendments.

VOTING PROCEDURE

(3) The President will declare that, in accordance with the rules the Council should proceed to vote on the joint resolution paragraph by paragraph. In this process it is expected that certain of the resolutions sponsors will give brief explanations as each point is raised.

(4) The Council will proceed to vote. The resolution will require seven affirmative votes to pass.

Supporting the resolution will be Canada, Colombia, Britain, the United States, China, Belgium and France, thus supplying the requisite majority.

Syria, Russia and the Ukraine are expected to abstain, while Argentina may also follow suit. The Council is then expected to adjourn and fix a further meeting, at which the composition of the proposed Security Council Commission will be determined.

Thus, will end one of the most difficult cases ever handled by the Security Council, and it will remain for the Governments of India and Pakistan at a high level to decide whether to co-operate in implementing the resolution, or whether to inform the United Nations that they are unable to accept the proposed settlement of the Kashmir dispute.—Reuter.

Russia Increases Gold Holdings

Washington, Apr. 21.—Russia was the only big power, apart from the United States, to increase her gold holdings during 1947, a United States Federal Reserve Board report said today.

Russia, second only to the United States as a gold holding country, had a stock worth \$2,576 million by the beginning of this year.

Her holdings increased by \$175 million during 1947, the report said. The largest loser of gold last year was Argentina, who exported \$793 million, bringing her stocks down to \$289 million.

The next largest losers were Britain, whose net exports in 1947 were \$380 million, and France, with \$310 million exported, bringing her remaining holdings to \$570 million.—Reuter.

Forrestal Okays Bigger Air Force

Washington, Apr. 21.—Defence Secretary James V. Forrestal today approved a 66 group air force—a compromise between the 55 he previously asked and the 70 already voted overwhelmingly by the House.

To keep the armed forces "balanced," he also asked for a larger army than he had previously urged. And he requested US\$481,000,000 more to pay for the revised defence plan.

His recommendations were made before a closed session of the Senate Armed Services Committee, but his statement was made public later.

The sister Committee in the House, the Armed Services Committee, earlier had been told by the head of the Armed Forces Research Board that it should pass a law to put every man in the country in government during a war.

Dr. Yennavar Bush, chairman of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Research and Development Board, said temporary selective service, universal military training and a bigger air force were not enough.—Associated Press.

Reluctant To Return To Work

Pittsburgh, Apr. 21.—Idleness was still widespread in American coalfields this morning, despite the appeal made by Mr. John L. Lewis, President of the United Mine-workers, for a full return to work. However, there were considered to be some signs of an early return to normal working.

The appeal of Mr. Lewis was directed to the 75,000 miners who had struck yesterday in protest against his conviction for contempt of court.

Branches of the Union in several states were holding meetings today to decide whether to resume work. Many union officials were expecting full production to be resumed by Monday at the latest.—Reuter.

Manila Swelters

Manila, Apr. 21.—Yesterday was Manila's hottest day this year, with a new heat record for the year. The temperature, according to today's official report of the Philippine Weather Bureau, climbed from a sizzling 90 degrees Fahrenheit until it reached 98.1 in the mid afternoon.—Reuter.

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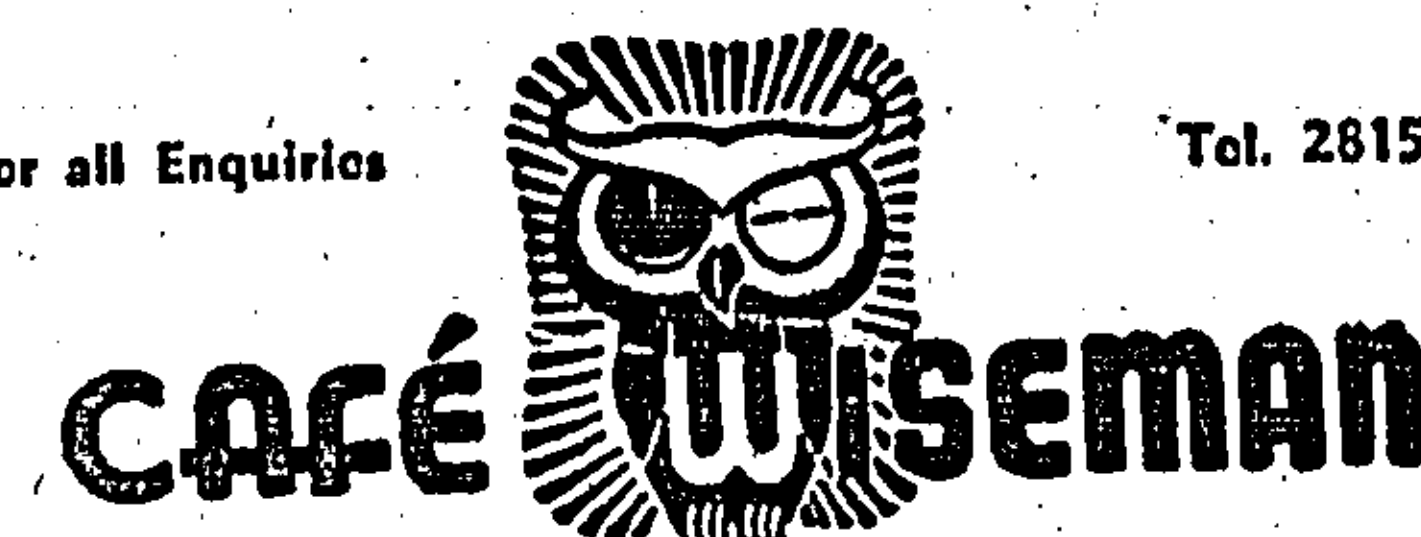
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